

CALIF'S WHEELCHAIR WARRIORS DESCEND ON DC AND BACK!

We prepared for it for months — the logistics, the budget, the care of our delicate motorized chairs, our personal care attendants, transportation, accessible hotel rooms, etc. and a myriad of little details which, if overlooked, would unravel the whole trip. Finally there were 16 of us on route to Washington DC on July 22-27, 2018 for the annual conference of the National Council on Independent Living!

There were hundreds of us from all over the country and abroad for a week of networking, action and program updates. There were a variety of presentations and workshops, even movies and products on everything Independent Living. One of the highlights of the conference was the march to the US Capitol on a day with threats of rain and lightning.

"Over 1,000 advocates, supporters, and staff gathered on a rainy Tuesday morning during the NCIL Conference in front of the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington D.C. for the March to Capitol Hill. This year's conference theme was "Mobilize: Resistance Through Action". We were a strong presence as we were lining up and nearby traffic slowed down to see what was going on. We proceeded marching in the streets to the Capitol building and stopping traffic at cross streets. Many of us



Posing by the Helen Keller statue is the CALIF delegation to NCIL Conference 2018, Front Row (L-R): Lillibeth Navarro, Fernando Roldan, Gordon Cardona and Waltraud Cardona; Back Row Standing (L-R): Daniel Garcia, Te Keag Suk, Choon Cho, Michael Martinez, Evelinda Uy, Gilma Mata, Victoria Lim and Machiko Wakabayashi (please see pg 14 for more photos and story).

carried signs emphasizing the important issues. We were chanting along the mile-long march.

Many people stopped working to peek out the windows and gave us their thumbs up support. Over lunch, our Rally speakers talked about many of the issues that are important to our community, including protecting Medicaid, preserving access to health-care, employment rights, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and of course community integration and the Disability Integration Act. Members took the mic and pledged their support for disability rights and the Independent Living community – and three Members even pledged to co-sponsor the the Disability Integration Act on the stage!"

— **Gordon Cardona**

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THE EDITORIAL

LILLIBETH NAVARRO



EVV Is Incompatible To Independent Living

People with severe disabilities like Ed Roberts founded the Independent Living Movement. Ed was assisted by personal care attendants for most of his life and neither he nor his attendants were subjected to technical surveillance and prohibitive policies that monitored their every move. Ed designed IHSS to be an utterly simple and deeply humane program that fostered living and letting live. In fact, it was precisely because he enjoyed the unhindered freedom to move and function that he accomplished all that he aimed for himself and us his brethren in the Independent Living Movement. His revolutionary IL way of life was based on the notion that we may not be able to do many physical things for ourselves due to our disabilities but that we are still able to accomplish them with the use of assistive technology and the unhindered help of personal care assistants who respect our wishes and preferences in how to do things our way, when and how in the secure privacy of our home. The original IHSS was a very delicate and symbiotic relationship of respect and trust between us as personal care recipients and our care providers. The secure and private set up of that relationship is another form of the God-given right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness enshrined in the US Constitution, very much like a wheelchair is to one who cannot walk.

IHSS is not like a business arrangement between animal handlers and a herd of cattle who have to be taken care of, an arrangement that businesses can manipulate with as much technology and control as they want. Yes, providing essential personal care services to human beings calls for funding the way we answer with food the problem of human hunger. But it does not give the government the right to violate our humanity and control and herd us like captive cattle.

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HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA, A PRESENTATION TO THE ANNUAL HOUSING CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

LILLIBETH NAVARRO

Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but many people with disabilities have nowhere to lay their head! They camp in many living rooms which is usually the biggest room in the house or apartment. They have no access to the toilets and showers so they often have to find weird ways to relieve and clean themselves often yielding their privacy and needing to apologize for it or they live in garages or they live on the streets by the thousands. It's all a problem of physical access, poverty and societal indifference.

Housing for people with disabilities (PWD) is way more specific than just a simple roof, a doorway and 4 walls. It requires thoughtfulness and an understanding of how all the physical, psychological and emotional faculties of man work together with his environment, his resources and finances to create a livable home. For us with disabilities, housing is a basic need with very specific requirements depending on which disability group one belongs to.

As a power wheelchair user for example, I need specific dimensions to my built environment, to allow me freedom of movement and maximum functioning in my home. The blind will have different access requirements that center on Braille signage, tactile cues and assistive technology that makes things easier for them to use and navigate.

The deaf community has need for

light technology and other means to seize their attention somehow. Also, there are those dealing with sensory disabilities, those with depression and other anxiety and mental health issues. For them, accessibility comes by way of providing reasonable accommodation like switching an apartment assignment to a quieter place.

For different communities of the disabled, there are different types of housing. Certainly for the developmentally disabled, there are group homes.

For seniors with disabilities, there's plenty of senior housing but for the regular disability population, i.e. those without retardation or not defined as seniors, there is very little housing.

In public housing, there is the provision of only a five percent mandate for accessible units for the physically disabled and a two percent mandate for the blind and the deaf.

People with disabilities on SSI with a housing voucher would qualify for an accessible unit paying only 1/3 of their income for rent. These units are usually hard to come by especially in Los Angeles. But in Los Angeles, not even a housing voucher assures you access to an accessible and affordable apartment.

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A Major Win For Housing For People With Disabilities in LA! Front row: Lillibeth Navarro (CALIF), Reed Colfax (Relman, Dane, and Colfax), Norma Vescovo (ILCSC); Middle row: Maronel Barajas (DRLC), Sharon Kinlaw (FHC/SFV), Michelle White (FHC/SFV Board member), Autumn Elliott (DRC), Dara Schur. (DRC); Back row: Bobby Jeromin (ILCSC), David Iyalomhe (lawyer for FHC/SFV), Kurt Baldwin (ILCSC), Odion Okojie (lawyer for FHC/SFV), Michael Allen (Relman, Dane, and Colfax).

BOARD VOICES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FERNANDO ROLDAN



Greetings to all my fellow activists and consumers in the disability community. I am writing you regarding my sadness to a hero of mine who passed away, Professor

Stephen Hawking.

Wikipedia says that Stephen William Hawking (8 January 1942 – 14 March 2018) was an English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, author, and Director of Research at the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology within the University of Cambridge [15][16]. His scientific works included a collaboration with Roger Penrose on gravitational singularity theorems in the framework of general relativity and the theoretical prediction that black holes emit radiation, often called Hawking radiation. Hawking was the first to set out a theory of cosmology explained by a union of the general theory of relativity and quantum mechanics. He was a vigorous supporter of the many-worlds interpretation of quantum mechanics. [17][18]

Hawking was a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS), a lifetime member of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States. In 2002, Hawking was ranked number 25 in the BBC's poll of the 100 Greatest Britons. He was the Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge between 1979 and 2009 and achieved commercial success with works of popular science in which he discusses his own theories and cosmology in general. His book, "A Brief History of Time," appeared on the British Sunday Times best-seller list for a record-breaking 237 weeks.

Hawking had a rare early-onset slow-progressing form of motor neuron disease (also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis "ALS" or Lou Gehrig's disease) that gradually paralyzed him over the decades. [19][20] Even after the loss of his speech, he was still able to communicate through a speech-generating device, initially through use of a hand-held switch, and eventually by using a single cheek muscle. He died on March 14, 2018 at the age of 76.

The week that Professor Hawking died, I wrote a message on Facebook saying he was a "Renaissance Man of the disabled community." I ask you folks let us look up to him because not only was he a brilliant scientist, he was an activist as well.

On disabilities, Professor Hawking quoted: "If you are disabled, it is probably not your fault, but it is no good blaming the world or expecting it to take pity on you. One has to have a positive attitude and must make the best of the situation that one finds oneself in; if one is physically disabled, one cannot afford to be psychologically disabled as well. In my opinion, one should concentrate on activities in which one's physical disability will not present a serious handicap. I am afraid that Olympic Games for the disabled do not appeal to me, but it is easy for me to say that because I never liked athletics anyway. On the other hand, science is a very good area for disabled people because it goes on mainly in the mind. Of course, most kinds of experimental work are probably ruled out for most such people, but theoretical work is almost ideal. My disabilities have not been a significant handicap in my field, which is theoretical physics. Indeed, they have helped me in a way by shielding me from lecturing and administrative work that I would otherwise have been involved in. I have managed, however, only because of the large amount of help I have received from my wife, children, colleagues and students. I find that people in general are very ready to help, but you should encourage them to feel that their efforts to aid you are worthwhile by doing as well as you possibly can."

~From "Handicapped People and Science," *Science Digest* 92, No. 9, September 1984.



"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."
~ Helen Keller

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CARRIE MADDEN



Greetings Friends! In these times many in our community find themselves struggling to make basic ends meet. Some of our community haven't enough food, they have

trouble paying the rent, they feel alone and scared. CALIF is here for you. You are the reason our center exists. Call us!

We have an energetic new Housing Coordinator, Michael Martinez, who can discuss your housing options. Lilly Sanchez is our Benefits Specialist. There are programs out there you might not be aware of that can help you in these difficult times. Or, maybe you simply need someone to talk to. CALIF offers peer counseling. I know sometimes the hardest thing to do is to say, "hey I need help". But everyone goes through tough times. You are not alone. Please give us a call. Thank you! ♦



Ms. Machiko Wakabayashi, CALIF Board Member joins protest and marches towards the US Capitol at the NCIL 2018

MY TAKE ON HR 620

DARRYL EVERSOLE

Hello folks, this is your advocate Darryl DJ Eversole on Classic Soul known as the "Master Blaster" on the air.

Let's talk about a piece of legislation called H.R. 620, a federal bill that was passed by the congressional house of representatives, but not yet passed by the senate. What is this bill?

Also known as the American With Disabilities Act (ADA) Education and Reform Act of 2017, it limits us the disabled community in these three areas:

(Sec. 2) This bill requires the Disability Rights Section of the Department of Justice to develop a program to educate state and local governments and property owners on strategies for promoting access to public accommodations for persons with a disability. The program may include training for professionals to provide a guidance of remediation for potential violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

(Sec. 3) The bill prohibits civil actions based on the failure to remove an architectural barrier to access into an existing public accommodation unless: (1) the aggrieved person has provided to the owners or operators a written notice specific enough to identify the barrier, and (2) the owners or operators fail to provide the person with a written description outlining improvements that will be made to

improve the barrier or they fail to remove the barrier or make substantial progress after providing such a description. The aggrieved person's notice must specify the circumstances under which public accommodation access was denied.

(Sec. 5) The Judicial Conference of the United States must develop a model program to promote alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve such claims. The model program should include an expedited method for determining relevant facts related to such barriers and steps to resolve accessibility issues before litigation.

In other words our lawsuits would be worthless against businesses that violate the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. It would violate our civil rights and we cannot tolerate that.

According to an article by NBC News titled, "The GOP's H.R. 620 will gut the Americans With Disabilities Act, pushing disability rights back to 1989," on February 15th, while the country had its eye on allegations of Russian election meddling and the senseless murder of 17 people in the Parkland School shooting, the House was quietly gutting the Americans With Disabilities Act, passing H.R. 620 with a vote of 225-192.

Also in the article, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 grants civil rights to people with disabilities by ensur-

ing that we have equal access to public places and businesses and requiring owners to supply "reasonable accommodation." Sponsors of H.R. 620, "tout the bill as a supplement to that legislation. But in reality, this bill renders the ADA's protections moot by making it much more difficult, and a lot more time-intensive, to force businesses to accommodate the millions of Americans with disabilities. "There is now a whole industry made up of people who prey on small business owners and file unnecessary and abusive lawsuits," Representative Ted Poe of Texas, who co-sponsored the bill, said after introducing the measure in 2017. "This bill will change that by requiring that the business owners have time to fix what is allegedly broken."

What is Poe thinking? He represents business interests and not the disabled. He should be ashamed of himself.

Business owners do not any extra time to make their buildings accessible for people with disabilities. The law has given them plenty of time. There is no excuse for any business to not have their property accessible.

If you have an opinion on this bill, please call CALIF at 213-627-0477. Also, call Senator Diane Feinstein at (415) 393-0707 or (202) 224-3841 and Senator Kamala Harris at (310) 231-4494 or (202) 224-3553. ♦

AN ADA CALIFORNIA UPDATE: RESTORE ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS

HOLLYNN D'LIL

Here's a list of the most egregious reductions in California's access standards by Chet Widom, since he took office in 2012 as the state architect of the Division of the State Architect (DSA) and the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) which approved the access reductions:

1. DSA and CBSC eliminated accessible seating in restaurants except for restaurants like Taco Bell where the seating is fixed to the floor or wall.
2. DSA and CBSC have created huge loopholes in the requirements for accessible routes to buildings and facilities.
3. DSA and CBSC eliminated the requirements for providing curb ramps.
4. DSA and CBSC defined parking for electric vehicle charging as "not parking." The agencies took that action so that the accessible parking standards do not apply to parking while charging a vehicle. The bigger picture is that the Feds are waiting for CA to adopt standards for electric vehicles so it's quite likely that what happens in CA will set a national model.
5. This year (2018 code cycle), DSA proposes code changes to the CA Building Standards Commission that further reduce CA's access standards. The changes include: 1) eliminating the

yellow band on pedestrian call button poles which are necessary for people with low vision, and a standard that has been in place for 26 years, 2) eliminating accessible exits from existing buildings, 3) lowering parking structure heights, 4) reducing standards for accessible showers.

Due to comments I made before being dismissed as a member of DSA Access Code Collaborative, DSA is proposing to restore requirements for curb ramps. However, they refuse to consider the danger to people who are blind and who use wheelchairs by curb ramps which direct users into the middle of the intersection, and require curb ramps instead that direct users safely to an opposite ramp across the street.

CALL TO ACTION: Please contact Governor Brown and Attorney General Xavier Becerra to ask that they require the state architect to restore the access reductions listed above which are in violation of CA Government Code 4459. In addition, the governor and the attorney general should clarify with the state architect that the reference in CA Government Code 4450 to the model code does NOT mean that the model code takes precedence over state law, specifically CA Government Code 4459, which states that access standards cannot be decreased. ♦

OPEN STEWARDSHIP FOUNDATION CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIF THROUGH THE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND POSITIVE WHEELS PROJECT

MARIVIC DEOCAMPO

Last April 25, 2018, CALIF was once again invited to be part of Open Bank's Open Stewardship Foundation's annual award reception for the successful applicants and awardees to their yearly funding opportunity.

For the last four years since year 2014 Open Stewardship Foundation has been partnering with CALIF in growing the Assistive Technology services, particularly the Positive Wheels Project that helps provide people with disabilities specifically the motorized and manual wheelchair users affordable options for their assistive technology needs, such as minor repairs and parts and battery replacement, acquisition of assistive technology devices such as walkers, scooters, canes, rollators (walkers with wheels and seat), motorized and manual wheelchairs and other similar equipment that enhances the mobility and independence of persons with disabilities.

Open Stewardship Foundation has likewise supported the AT Program with 40 manual and transport wheelchairs in the past that benefitted many of CALIF's low-income consumers who cannot afford to purchase them. Under the equipment lending library, clients may have the option to borrow from CALIF's inventory of available durable medical equipment (DME) to help sustain their needs. According to AT Coordinator Sergio Garibay, with the help of Support Services Worker Young Kwon who is technically CALIF's in-house technician, CALIF receives a minimum of at least 2 walk-in clients for wheelchair repair a day which translates to about 400 plus AT clients annually who come to CALIF for their normal wheelchair wear and tear concerns.

For this year, aside from developing better guidelines for quality services to clients, CALIF aims to better promote the Positive Wheels Project, through enhanced and strengthened marketing strategies such as outsourcing of quality and affordable parts and equipment, improved PR and development of effective promotional materials in print and online and a more visible and effective outreach to the public.

In attendance to the awarding and reception ceremony held at 550 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020 were Sergio Garibay, AT Coordinator and Lily Sanchez, Benefits Advocate. ♦



Sergio Garibay receives the grant award for CALIF for FY 2018-2019 from Ms. Ock Hee Kim, Chairperson of Open Stewardship Foundation.

CALIF HOSTS KOREAN INDEPENDENT LIVING COMMUNITIES & DISABILITY ADVOCATE VISITORS

JUSTICE PAK & YOLANDA RAMIREZ

On Thursday, July 5, 2018, CALIF welcomed and hosted an Open House for 11 visitors from Korea. The group of visitors were a mix of Executive Directors and their staff representing 5 different Independent Living centers (ILCs) in Korea namely Gyeongnam Center Independent Living of the Disabled (GNCIL), Gyeongnam Council on Center for Independent Living (GCCIL), Jinhae Center Independent Living of the Disabled (JHCIL), Tongyoung Center Independent Living for the Disabled (TYCIL) and Yangsan Center Independent Living for the Disabled (YSCIL). The guests were mostly persons with disabilities interested in learning the services and technology offered to individuals with disabilities in California. Prior to visiting CALIF, the group visited the Center for Independent Living in Berkeley, CA, thus, they have knowledge of the IL History, the Disability Movement and Independent Living Philosophy. They shared learning about Ed Roberts and his struggles and successes during their visit to the Berkeley ILC.

Our guests received an overview of CALIF, our history and the services we have available - the Core Services and Supportive Services. A sharing of experiences took place during meeting where CALIF staff were asking questions about life in Korea for persons with disabilities and our guests were interested to know how CALIF is able to provide the support services that are not funded by state or federal grants.

After the sharing of information session, the group toured CALIF's Communication Center, the service providers' work areas, the Assistive Technology department where they explored the different AT equipment we have available, and meeting our administration support staff.

Our guests said they will take back what they learned from CALIF the success of developing a strong Systems Change network to challenge policies and laws in order to improve the quality of life and independence for all persons living with a disability in Korea. They are also thankful for the opportunity of learning variety of information, resources and services available through CALIF and other ILCs. ♦



The touring group representing 5 different ILCs from communities in Korea poses with CALIF staff during their visit.

THANK YOU CALIF'S FAB FIVE!

LILLIBETH NAVARRO

CALIF's longevity is attributed to the loyalty and dedication of our staff and for CALIF's 16th Anniversary celebration in November 2017, we paid tribute to our first five who have been serving the longest at CALIF:

CALIF just opened its doors to the community and we needed a Systems Change Advocate so I hired Cynde Soto who used to be a Benefits Advocate for the Disabled Resource Center. Not only did I already know of her as an activist, I also knew she travelled to and from Long Beach with Taylor, her faithful Labrador. They would take the trains and buses to and from the Union station for their travels.

Cynde had a group of advocate friends and she would organize rallies and protests and even candle light vigils against the frustrating annual budget battles in Sacramento. We marched and chanted, even slept overnight on the streets around the Governor's Downtown Office just to put maximum pressure for them to do the right thing. It was always a grueling exercise but perseverance always won the day. After a few years, Cynde sustained a catastrophic stroke which rendered her unable to use the hand controls on her motorized chair. She needed to learn how to use more sophisticated technology to even get around. We worked with her as she had to relearn her new technology, manage her chin controls and proceeded to work from home. She retired Taylor but she came back to work like before, with great tenacity and perseverance.

Sergio Garibay was staffing the front desk at the Central LA ILC (CLA) of the former Community Rehabilitation Services in 2000. I thought when I first met him, he was dressed as a senator, greeting people and answering questions. He drove a car and used crutches for mobility and was one of those who was going to be displaced when CLA was closing its doors. I felt that it would be a waste of his talent and confidence if he lost his job so I took a chance on him, first hiring him as a Peer Counselor for CALIF and now, the Assistive



CALIF'S SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDEES: (L-R): Sergio Garibay, Marivic Deocampo, Victoria Lim, Lily Sanchez & Cynde Soto. They could have searched for better fortunes but stayed with CALIF.

Technology Coordinator. Consumers know Sergio as an utterly helpful, calm and resourceful person. They trust his advice and judgment and are responsive to his suggestions on how to care for their equipment responsibly and how to pass it on to others when no longer needed. Although he thought to spread his wings higher than CALIF, he decided against it after we gave him a good-bye party for which he got a lot of ribbing from us. I cannot even think of CALIF without Sergio. He is foundational to our center.

Lily Sanchez was always at our events and I had a strong feeling that she was going to be part of our team one day. Tall and tan, and indeed young and lovely, Lily was a stunner who warmed your heart with the substance of her character which is a healthy mix of the serious and humorous. While we often enjoy a good laugh with her, consumers are always in good hands when they are assigned to her. She has become a real expert in government benefits, how to qualify for them, how to renew the services and how to appeal denials. She guides people through the bureaucratic labyrinth until they are able to break through to some of the most difficult people in order to get the simplest help. Lily is a major player at CALIF, very dependable and trustworthy, with a huge heart and an understanding spirit.

In October 2002, Marivic Deocampo came to visit her parents in the

Santa Monica region when her mom suggested she volunteer for us briefly since she was originally working with the Philippines Field Office of Save the Children-US. She was and still is one to put her heart and soul into a project, to the littlest detail. A Program Director once made a comment of her: "Ask Marivic what time it is and she will instead also describe to you step by step, how to build a clock!" But her obsessive curiosity about things and the generous propensity to share information served us well as a budding organization. We were barely cognizant of the latest office computer and before technology could drive us

completely crazy, we would run it by Marivic and she would help us through untangling the gadget or computer so we could immediately get back to work.

In between her classes at the Los Angeles City College where she finished her Associate Degree in Arts in 2005, Victoria Lim would drop by CALIF to help with little chores and errands. Pretty soon, she became very prolific in providing clerical work for the accounting office. She was very quiet and helpful especially to the disabled staff members, assisting them in various ways. Very wise beyond her years, she quickly gained the trust and respect of her peers who still keep teasing her about her "secrets". Transparent and meek, Victoria has gotten to visit many sights and places, got to meet very impressive people as she gets to accompany me in all my work travels, often with childlike wonder.

**I don't need easy.
I just need
possible."**

**~ Bethany
Hamilton**

CALIF SWEET 16 OPEN HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS



LA Department on Disability Executive Director Stephen Simon recognizes CALIF's 16 years of community work and commitment to social service and independent living in uplifting the lives of the disabled community in the City Los Angeles. Lillibeth Navarro, ED and Fernando Roldan, Board President receives the commendation. In the photo are Louis Burns of Access, and Lourdes Sinibaldi from DOD.



Bennet Kim, CALIF's former Systems Change Advocate, now one of DOR-SSD staff, with her mother, visits CALIF. With her is Cynde Soto & Marivic Deocampo.



Dr. Ray De Leon, Director of the Mobility Center at Cal State LA, a community-based program that provides access to exercise therapy for people with physical disabilities, joins CALIF's 16th Anniversary.



Joseph Wander of United Imaging and a former CALIF Board Member and supporter is flocked by CALIF staff, from L-R: Nelson Manaay, Lily Sanchez, Joseph Wander, Alma Ducusin, Victoria Lim and Justice Pak.



Rebecca Guerrero of the LA Cultural Affairs does an engaging number with poems by Rumi together with the audience.



Ability Bags, an enterprise by and for people with disabilities, their friends and families. Shown here are Carrie Madden who makes the wonderful bags, Dina and Daniel Garcia and Engracia Figueroa.



Musical numbers from friends, disabled artists and musicians provided entertainment at our Open House.

CALIF's OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW - A SUCCESS

NIKKI DIAZ



CALIF had our 16th Anniversary Open House & Art Show on November 2, 2017. Hundreds of consumers, business neighbors and guests attended our open house & art show celebrating the artistic talents of many diversified-abled citizens within our own Los Angeles county.

Our Open House & Art Show informed the community how important our work is and why we always are in need of their support. We need new sponsors and givers alike. Funding is critical in order to keep all our present services running consistently. Yet it will take much more to continue implementing new programs that evolve as we adjust and adapt to the needs of our consumers and their many diversified-abled needs.

Although we've made an indelible mark throughout the city, have gained recognition with community

leaders and trailblazers, and have been awarded by social justice organizations and international leaders, we ultimately aspire to spotlight our consumers for they are the heart of CALIF. Recently one of our very own advocates, Cynde Soto, who is disabled, was awarded for her community service work as our Systems Change Advocate by the LA County Commission on Disabilities. She is one of our many champions who work tirelessly on behalf of those in need.

A multitude of great disabled artists shared their talent with the public at our Open House, including artists Raul Pizarro, Seong Chon, and the rap group Blind Ambitionz. To nourish this kind of talent and to help all those who need our help, CALIF creates proactive opportunities such as an art fair to expand its programs and services. Implementation of genuine aid is our mission, and over the years we've experienced the privilege of witnessing thousands of PWDs first struggle and then thrive when reaching to be independent and free. That is what we here at CALIF live for! ♦

*Congratulations
To Our Wonderful Staff For Receiving
Special Service Awards
For Long-Term, Outstanding Service to CALIF!*

*Cynde Soto -- 16 years
Sergio Garibay -- 16 years
Victoria Lim -- 16 years
Marivic Deocampo -- 14 years
Lily Sanchez -- 13 years
Lillibeth Navarro,
Founder & Executive Director -- 16 years*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION, INC.

meets at CALIF every 2nd Friday of the month for General Monthly Meeting. Lunch is from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm and meeting starts at 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

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We are a mental health client-run advocacy organization.

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Thank You to our Sweet 16 Open House Exhibitors, Vendors, Sponsors, & Supporters of CALIF and its Advocacies

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***Start by doing what's
necessary;
then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are
doing the impossible.***

~ Francis of Assisi

CONSUMER SUCCESS STORIES

HOUSING ADVOCACY

All Independent Living Centers Should Have Funds to Assist People With Disabilities With First Month's Rent and Deposit

"In November of 2017 I was asked by the Program Director to take a Housing client that was being referred to CALIF for assistance under the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation grant which has funds to assist people with Spinal Cord Injuries.

The consumer was in a vehicle accident in April 2013. He sustained a spinal cord injury and was left paralyzed from the neck down. After his hospitalization stay and the rehabilitation in 2013 he was released to go home to his wife and adult son. He lived a stable life until February of 2016 when his wife passed away from a rare illness. With struggle he kept on living in his apartment he rented with his late wife. It wasn't until September 2017 when he became gravely ill and was hospitalized, he recuperated and in November 2017 he was released from the hospital to go home. The only problem, he no longer had a home to go to. His son had moved out, and because he could not pay for the apartment while his stay in the hospital - he is only on Supplemental Security Income - he lost his home. The hospital called us and asked CALIF if we could assist him with housing services.

I met the consumer at the hospital and fortunate for him, CALIF had funding under the Christopher and Dana Reeve grant. He also had an active family member who had found an apartment for him, which he could not move into after he got released from the hospital since he had no financial resources to move into the apartment. It was a blessing for him that we could assist him financially to pay for rent deposit, first month rent, and Assistive Technology equipment.

His story should be one of many, but unfortunately as we continue to work with people with disabilities who are homeless, severely disabled and living on a fixed income that just about covers a room and food, we don't get to have countless stories as such. There is funding in LA County but its qualifying standards are severely strict and limitless. Just like

the Christopher and Dana Reeve grant only covers 3 consumers who are spinal cord injury a year. There should be extra funding for Independent Living Centers by public or private money to be able to cover a person with a disability with at least the security and the first month's rent. There have been some instances people with disabilities find an apartment but do not have the initial funds to move. CALIF fights hard to obtain additional grants for housing funds from other sectors but it is a brutal need by other organizations who also have funding issues for their constituents.

I am just pleased that CALIF was able to prevent a person from going into a nursing home or a shelter."

– Lily Sanchez,
Benefits Advocate

Section 8 Winner

"A Korean single mother who has 2 children with autism was selected in the lottery of section 8 waiting list.

She called us in October 2017 to get an information of section 8 waiting list application, and I provided the information. She thought she could apply by herself with my explanation, so she applied section 8 waiting list with her neighbor's assistance. However she found out later that she have confirmation number, but didn't get confirmation email from HACLA. She was not sure whether her application has been submitted or not. She received a phone call from HACLA about section 8, but she couldn't understand what he said, so she came into CALIF to check if she has been selected or not.

I called to HACLA office and confirmed she was on the section 8 waiting list, but her email address was wrong, so they couldn't send confirmation email. I called them to update her email address and informed her she will get an email/post mail from HACLA after February 2018. The consumer was so happy to be on the section 8 waiting list and was very appreciative of me with providing section 8 information and updating email address.

She was living in a 1-bedroom apartment with 2 teenager boys in Koreatown, and wishes for a 2-bedroom for a long time."

– Justice Pak
Korean Peer Counselor/Outreach Worker

SYSTEMS CHANGE ADVOCACY

Systems Change Action

"I was recommended to act in the filming of a video about implicit bias for the LA County Human Relations Commission. I was an actor in a vignette about implicit bias against the disabled. The video will be shown to County employees. By doing this training film, it should result in systems change by educating county employees on how they should think of and treat people with disabilities."

MediCal Share of Cost

A consumer asked for advice on an issue she was having with MediCal share of cost after contacting her local MediCal office and getting nowhere. I introduced the consumer to the President of CICA (California IHSS Consumer Alliance). After explaining her dilemma to the President of CICA she agreed to place MediCal share of cost on their next agenda. A lively discussion was held by CICA members and they decided to help the consumer with this issue on a statewide basis."

-- Cynde Soto
Systems Change Advocate

Budget Rally

"On January 10, 2018, I went with Cynde Soto and Gordon Cardona to the rally on the Governor's budget proposal in front of the Ronald Reagan Building in Downtown LA. Several members of our SWAT team were there. I shot a video of the rally and posted it on the CALIF SWAT team Facebook page. Following the rally, the team decided that we should pay a visit to Speaker Kevin De Leon's office, the Governor's office and the Secretary of State. We were not well received at speaker office. The Governor's office still is closed. At the Secretary of State's office we were very well received by the Deputy Secretary of State, Roberto Negrete where he took a group picture. I presented him my business card and CALIF video on CD."

– Justice Pak

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LA Safe Sidewalk Hearing

In January, I went to the Los Angeles City Council to give public comment on LA safe sidewalk hearing that the City Council voted unanimously to reinstate the Vision Zero High Injury Network (HIN) as a priority location to repair our crumbling sidewalks. I also presented a letter to LA City Council President asking him and Council Members Ryu and Cedillo to request a resolution on opposition to the congressional bill H.R. 620. ADA EDUCATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2017. The letter requesting the opposition to H.R. 620 was sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas. After the city council meeting, I re-introduced myself to council member Ryu, Cedillo and Huizar. I asked if I can schedule meeting with each respective Council members so that Cynde and I can pay them a visit with Lillibeth. I also gave them our assistive technology promotional CD so they know about our services at CALIF. ♦

Daniel Garcia
Systems Change Advocate

Power Chair Loan

A Hispanic consumer with a right foot amputation came in to see the AT Coordinator since his power wheelchair broke down. A friend told him about CALIF and the Positive Wheels service. The Positive Wheels service allows consumers to get repairs to their medical equipment, purchase parts, and sales. He has emergency Medi-Cal but it does not cover his medical equipment. We diagnosed his chair and determined the joystick and batteries were not working.

As a result, the consumer saved enough money to pay for the joystick repair and to purchase two new batteries. In the meantime, CALIF loaned the consumer a power chair while his was being fixed. The consumer's wheelchair was finally repaired and he was able to use it again and continue with his daily activities. ♦

Sergio Garibay
AT Coordinator

Repairs to your Durable Medical Equipment

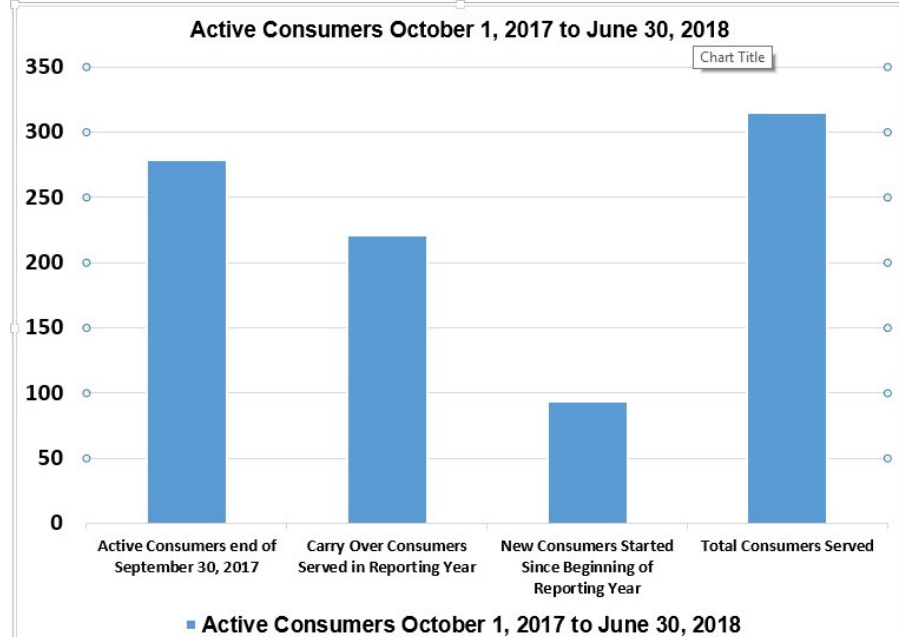
A consumer came to CALIF with her broken power chair and expressed that the charge on her batteries was going down way too fast. The CALIF Repair Technician checked the batteries and noticed that they did not fit that specific wheelchair. After removing the batteries, the Technician perceived someone had put cardboard around them so they would not move. In addition, consumer stated that she had taken her wheelchair to a vendor and the vendor charged her \$300 to replace them. Also, the batteries were too small to carry the wheelchair and consumer's weight; that is why the charge was going down quickly. After looking at the wheelchair handbook, the batteries were larger and cost more than the ones previously installed.

As a reminder, it is imperative that you read the handbook that comes with your device, so you know how to care for it and what parts to use when it needs to be repaired. Lastly, when repairs are needed, make sure the vendor informs you the parts that need to be replaced and the warranty. ♦

PROGRAM UPDATE

YOLANDA RAMIREZ

CALIF PROGRAM STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHICS OCTOBER 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018



THE HELPFUL HONDA GUYS DELIVER A STRIKE FORCE CHAIR TO A DESERVING ATHLETE

ZEBREDA DUNHAM & GORDON CARDONA

I have been playing power soccer since 2011 when I attended the Abilities Expo in Los Angeles and saw a demonstration. After the demonstration, I tried kicking the ball after the staff of volunteers put a plastic guard on my chair. I kicked the ball around and I was hooked! I went to Glendale Community College for more information and to try out. I haven't looked back since. I have traveled for games with my team, Glendale Rough Riders, which gave me an opportunity to travel.

In February, my good friend Gordon saw a Honda commercial during the Super Bowl. In the commercial, the Helpful Honda Guys were helping school children raise funds. My friend then contacted them by Facebook thinking they could help us raise funds for our Cup tournament. They responded asking for more information and said they will keep in touch.

Several weeks later in March, we were busy setting up our soccer equipment for practice, four people dressed in light blue shirts came into the gym and told us they were here to help with our practice! They were the Helpful Honda Guys! They helped with setting up guards, strapping in, and placing balls. They were very Helpful!

I always wanted a Strike Force but due to limited income I could not afford one. I began spreading the word to my family, friends, and anybody I ran into that I was looking to get a Strike Force power soccer chair. One day I went to my bank and one of the bank tellers, Andrew, at Chase Bank in Pasadena, CA, asked how I was doing and how I did playing power soccer at the previous weekend's games. I went on to tell him we lost all our games partially due to our equipment, and almost all of our opponents were playing in Strike Force chairs which gave them a big advantage. He expressed his concerns and said he wished he could do something. I told him about the Helpful Honda Guys and what they do to help people in need. He said he will write to them.

A few months later, I received a call from Armondo, our coach, that we were going to have a special practice in late August at Glendale Community College and they needed me. I told him I would be there. Little did I know what was about to happen was going to change my life forever. I got to practice in my usual soccer chair and got my equipment ready. I warmed up with my teammates and kicking the ball around for a few minutes.

Then I noticed somebody in a light blue shirt come into the gym pushing a chair. I continued warming up. He suddenly yelled out, "Is Zebreda Dunham here?" I said Yes. He proceeded to introduce himself and said he was from the Helpful Honda Dealers and heard you play power soccer and we are here to present you with a brand-new Strike Force power soccer chair!! First, I was in utter shock. Then I started crying. Tears of joy!

They helped me transfer into the Strike Force. I turned on the power in eager anticipation. I started at the slowest speed and worked my way to the mid level

speed. I tried to kick the ball. Bam! The ball went fast down the court. What a difference! We then divided into teams for a scrimmage for a Random Acts of Helpfulness TV commercial that started airing in late September 2017. I'm looking forward to getting accustomed to my Strike Force chair and play to my full potential this season.

I would like to thank Andrew who wrote the letter to Honda, Gordon who first contacted Honda in February 2017, Armondo and Benny who arranged all the logistics with Honda and Glendale Community College, and finally all my wonderful teammates and family who have supported me during my power soccer career.

Most of all, I would like to thank and show my appreciation and gratitude to Honda. Your company and your Helpful Honda Guys are awesome! Thank you so much! I couldn't have done any of this without you!

My website is *ZebredaMakesIt-Work.com*. Check it out for unique AT ideas and solutions. ♦



Center Zebreda Dunham of the Glendale Rough Riders Power Soccer team receives her new Strike Force Soccer Chair from the Helpful Honda Guys in August 2017.

CALIF'S YOUTH FORUM WITH ALLIANCE JUDY IVIE BURTON TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL YOLANDA RAMIREZ

On May 18, 2018 CALIF hosted the first of many Youth Transition Forums with participants from the Junior and Senior classes at Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High School. For its theme, CALIF used a video where Albert Einstein said: "Not everything that counts can be counted and not everything that's counted truly counts." It seemed like a perfect grabber for engaging the high school students.

In addition to the video, a panel of 6 individuals shared their college, life and employment experiences as individuals with disabilities. Our panelist were: Mr. Dan Duran, California State University, Northridge disabled students counselor-retired; Ms. Lillibeth Navarro, Executive Director; Daniel Garcia and Cynde Soto, CALIF Systems Change Advocates; Gordon Cardona, CALIF Media & Public Information Assistant, and Michael Martinez, CALIF Housing Coordinator.

During the Question & Answer session students asked members of the panel questions such as: "Did people make fun of you and how did you get over it?" - "How do you deal with bullies?" - "What made you successful throughout your life; and, what advise can you give us?" - "What difficulties did you have learning and what things at college made it difficult for you to learn?" - "How difficult is it for you living and working with a disability?"...and many more.

Feedback from the students, their instructors and the panelists were very positive. CALIF, Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High School, and all the panelists are looking forward to our 2019 Youth Forum. ♦



A pose with some of the students from AJIBTA High School are forum panelists (L-R): Michael Martinez, Gordon Cardona, Lillibeth Navarro, Mr. Dan Duran, Cynde Soto; (Back row L-R): Ms. Lorena Barbosa and Mr. Wilber Rubio (teachers from AJIB Technical Academy High School), Daniel Garcia and Sergio Garibay.

EDITORIAL CARTOONS MARIO RECINOS



Even if money would grow on trees, SSI is not enough or even accessible for survival.



IHSS on Life Support

Housing in California

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Among many of our current clients, for example, are two people on motorized chairs needing fully accessible and affordable units. One lives in a motel and another in a nursing home still because of the lack of housing inventory.

OLMSTEAD SC DECISION ADDS ANOTHER HOUSING TOOL

In October 1994, two disabled residents living in a group home in Georgia, wanted to try a totally different kind of living arrangement--they wanted to live in their own apartment, away from the rest of the group. But the state head of the Department of Health and Human Services, a certain Mr. Olmstead refused to let them, given that their housing funds would allow them only to live in a group home. So, they sued all the way up to the Supreme Court and won! Known as the Olmstead Supreme Court Decision, Olmstead now has established that PWD have the right to live in the community of their choice and their housing funds should follow them in an apartment of their choice, a group home or even a nursing home, if they so prefer! This Olmstead Supreme Court Decision therefore added to a list of formidable legislation assuring our access to housing:

- Fair Housing Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Olmstead Supreme Court decision

HOUSING LAWS & OPTIONS

With the laws and rules in place for accessible and affordable housing, is there in fact, enough accessible and affordable housing in LA? Our experience at CALIF was quite eye opening. Our first housing advocate was a very smart Vietnam vet who was great at collecting housing resources, doing due diligence in checking things as advertised and sending people out to check the properties. After he left, his replacement was a dynamic person

who made inroads with the housing power brokers, he had a direct link with HUD and the City Housing Department and made bold suggestions about how the policies were affecting our consumers and which of the policies were proving to be obstacles to housing access. He left CALIF to go to law school and now heads a housing rights center in San Diego. After he left, we replaced him with someone who had first hand experience with homelessness. He did a lot of actual home visits of the units advertised as accessible. We found a lot of inadequacies.

Starting with the point of entry:

- Homeless shelters are not accessible.
- On any given day in LA, there are 42,000 homeless people and 14 percent of them are people with physical disabilities.
- Many of the units advertised as disability accessible are only accessible for people who could get up from their wheelchairs and walk in through a narrow door or use a regular restroom.

THE BARRIERS

The Problem of Definition:

In housing, unfortunately, the word "accessible" is understood in its lowest common denominator and it's just the ability to get up and walk and climb some steps into a home or a restroom with the use of a walker, a manual wheelchair and an elevator.

That narrow definition excludes a huge part of humanity who use motorized wheelchairs, huge and wide manual wheelchairs; it excludes those who use complicated equipment and information technology. The narrowly defined concept of accessibility both in physical layout and actual physical building could not accommodate the entire category of us with physical disabilities.

In Los Angeles today, "foxes have holes and birds have nests" and people with disabilities are at the forefront creating a new housing definition for accessibility, affordability and authentic inclusion. Nothing about housing is anymore without us! ♦

The Editorial

EVV Is Incompatible with Independent Living

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The outrageous insistence of government to force EVV on us or else is just truly sinister. Will this be another cottage industry to the home care and IT industries?

The In-Home Supportive Services program is only funded with IHSS dollars to make sure that disabled people don't die, starve or suffer neglect because there is no one to feed, bathe and take care of them. The use of government funds to provide the personal assistance services should not force the loss of our civil liberties the way this intrusive EVV system exacts from the severely disabled who have no choice but to rely on personal care services. I'm sure that Taxpayers who fund the IHSS program would strongly oppose the use of invasive technologies that stifle the very basic freedoms that threaten their future when perhaps they themselves have to use the program. ♦



LEGISLATION TO CRACKDOWN ON THE ABUSE OF ACCESSIBLE PARKING PLACARDS

GORDON CARDONA

Months after an audit found widespread problems with the program providing disabled parking placards in California, Governor Jerry Brown recently approved SB 611 legislation aimed at preventing fraud.

A state audit in April 2018 found that the California Department of Motor Vehicles isn't making sure that people issued placards for disabled parking should actually have them. The agency hasn't canceled tens of thousands of the permits issued to people who have died, which has allowed some placards to be misused by family members, the audit concluded.

The measure, Senate Bill 611, also requires quarterly audits of applications for placards that will cross check them with medical records, and mandates that those applying provide proof of their true full name and date of birth.

The legislation also prohibits

the DMV from issuing replacement placards to the same individual more than four times in a two-year period. People who apply more than four times in two years must submit a new certificate of disability.

The state has 2.9 million placards and disabled license plates in service that allow motorists with medical disabilities to park in disabled parking spots and curbside in metered areas.

Auditors found most applications they reviewed "did not include sufficient medical information to demonstrate that the applicant qualified."

As a result, up to 1.1 million applications may have been issued from July 2013 through June 2016 without sufficient information to demonstrate that the applicant was qualified for a permit, the audit concluded. ♦

Cynde Soto and Dina Garcia made arrangements for our group to meet with three legislators: Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez (Democrat) representing the 34th District; Congressman Brad Sherman (Democrat) of District 30 and Alan Lowenthal (Democrat) of the 47th District). We packed their offices to present our legislative priorities and articulate our Legislative and Advocacy issues: for increased funding for independent living; the Disability Integration Act; Enhancement of the Medicaid program. It should be noted that Congressman Lowenthal took time out to greet us and took a picture with the group while making a comment about working forever on disability issues with Cynde Soto for the "last 400 years!"

"We talked about the importance of IHSS in living independently. Staff member Gordon Cardona gave a heartfelt speech about how he would be unable to be productive or have a decent quality of life without the support of the IHSS Program. We also told the staff member, Shane, about the Disability Intergration Act (DIA). The Disability Intergration Act is civil rights legislation, introduced by Senator Schumer (D-CA) in the Senate and Representative Sensenbrenner in the House, to address the fundamental issue that people who need Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) are forced into institutions and losing their basic civil rights. Shane did not know about DIA but did seem to think that the Congressman would sign onto the bill."

-- Cynde Soto

We had a packed agenda for the week and focused our discussion to real stories for the defeat of HR 620, the fight against Assisted Suicide, the strong pushback on the Electronic

Visit Verification, the demand for more affordable housing, the enhancement of health care, etc. On the last day of the conference, one of the issues tackled was the problem of disabled workers. Both Daniel and Dina Garcia were arrested along with the group of activists from ADAPT to demand that people with disabilities working in sheltered workshops be given equal work for equal pay.

For balance, we also made sure to have fun. The oldest in our group was incredibly energetic 83-year old Choon Cho, often walking way ahead of us while her fashionable young attendant scanned the scenery with endless photo shooting. Our youngest was Michael Martinez who towered over us, patiently doing most of the running to make sure we were all together and very eloquently speaking on the housing issue to our legislators. Fernando Roldan, CALIF Board President proved to be the local transit expert, always calling on us to trust his lead around town through the maze of trains and buses and other transit options. Machiko Wakabayashi and Evelinda Uy were the vigilant monitors always at the service of the group. Victoria and I tried to keep a tab on everyone. We visited the different monuments and museums, sampled the local transportation and other facilities and kept notes, comparing it to our local systems in Los Angeles. Congressman Gomez' deputy treated us to a free tour of a new wing of the Capitol, the Emancipation Hall (cost \$631 Million to build) which enshrined priceless artifacts and the only sculpture of Helen Keller. We tried an immense variety of food, enjoyed the urban art, took pictures and simply enjoyed each other's banter. We all got home safely, with a few mishaps of missing luggage we caught and corrected in time. Energized and motivated, we continue to trudge on with a stronger sense of purpose knowing that we from Los Angeles are, in fact an essential part of a huge, wonderful and powerful disability rights movement. ♦

-Lillibeth Navarro, with Gordon Cardona and Cynde Soto

NCIL 2018: "MOBILIZE: RESISTANCE THROUGH ACTION" HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (JULY 22-26, 2018)



Top row(L-R):1) During legislative visits at the Capitol with Ms. Diana Rios from the office of Congressman Jimmy Gomez of the 34th District (Front L-R): Waltraud Cardona, Cynde Soto, Dina Garcia, Lillibeth Navarro, Fernando Roldan, Gordon Cardona (Standing, back): Lori Ann Lucas, Michael Martinez, Daniel Garcia, Evelinda Uy, Machiko Wakabayashi & Victoria Lim; 2) Braving the rain on the march towards the Capitol; 3) A pose in front of the US Capitol; Lower Row (L-R): 4) Bruce Darling of NCIL and Ms. Lillibeth Navarro; 5) US Representative Alan Lowenthal greets the CALIF delegates during the legislative visit; 6) Ms. Lillibeth Navarro, Evelinda Uy and Victoria Lim poses with the Japanese delegation at the NCIL Conference 2018.

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Join ADAPT Los Angeles to bring accessibility and rights to all people with disabilities. For more information, Like Us on Facebook at ADAPT LA.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month from 5:00-7:00pm at: Denny's Restaurant, 530 Ramirez Street, Los Angeles, CA (Cross street: Vignes St.) **Please note that food is not provided during the meeting.**

Any **new members** who want to come for the meeting **must** email dgarcia@calif-ilc.org for more information.

The restaurant is located right across the street of the East entrance of Union Station. Free lot parking. Please join us and see you there!

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